

Property acquisition will benefit juvenile salmon and steelhead in SW Washington

What's happening?

The Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to fund the Columbia Land Trust to purchase the “Elochoman River Bend” property, a 6-acre parcel of land in southwestern Washington. CLT would hold fee title ownership of the property to permanently protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitat. In exchange for Bonneville’s funding of the fee title acquisition of this property, CLT would grant Bonneville a conservation easement over this property to protect its conservation values in perpetuity. This property will eventually be restored to ensure floodplain reconnection within the Columbia River estuary.

BPA will also provide stewardship funds to CLT for maintenance of the property. Stewardship management may include, but is not limited to: public outreach, site monitoring, habitat mapping, encroachment monitoring, invasive species monitoring and control, and annual maintenance of boundary fencing, signage, or gates.

The property consists of riparian and floodplain habitat within the Lower Elochoman River that will benefit all species of juvenile salmon and steelhead.

Where is this happening?

The property being acquired is located near Cathlamet in Wahkiakum County, Washington. See the map on the reverse side for the precise location.



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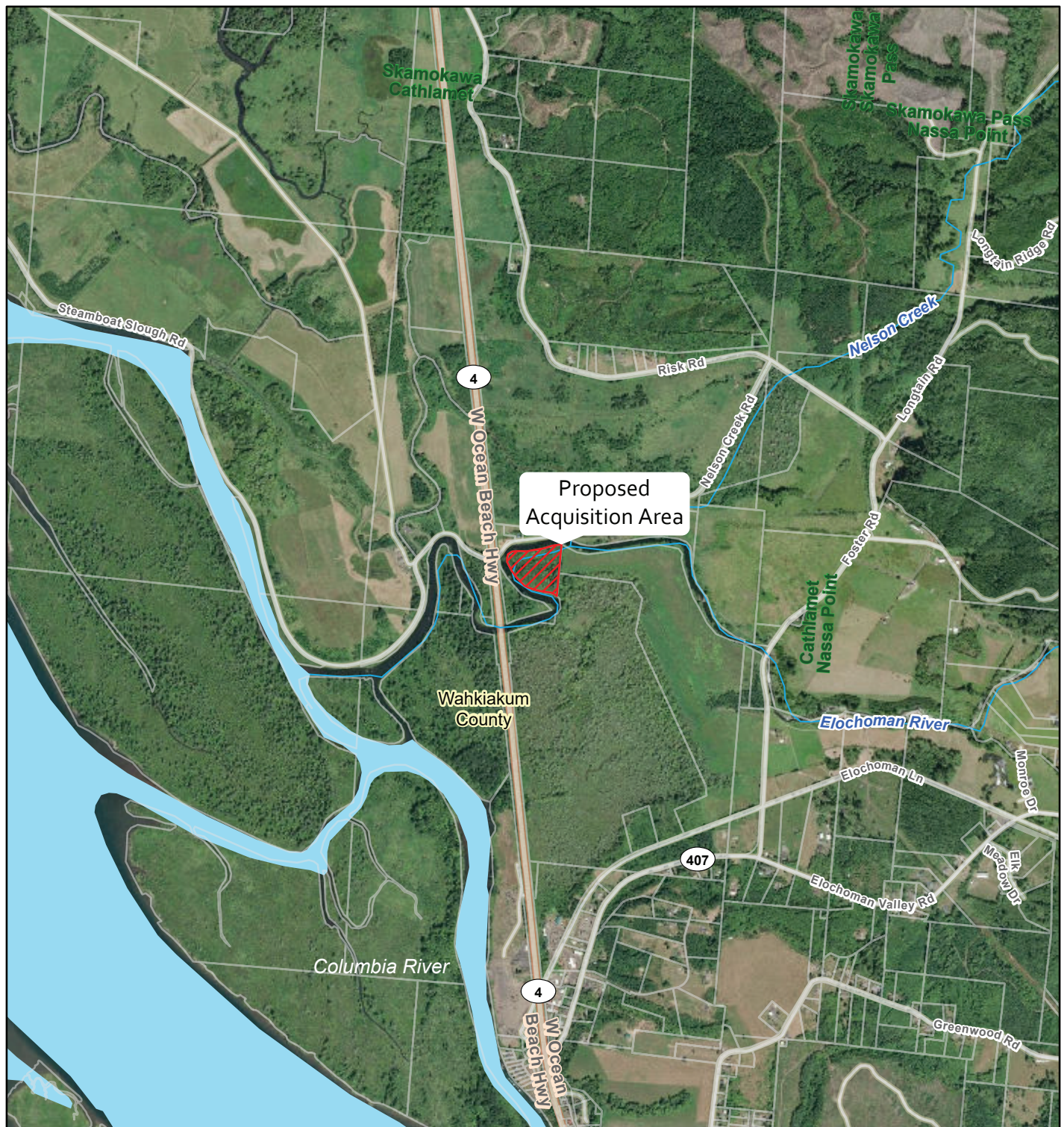
Why is this happening?

This land purchase would satisfy some of BPA’s Columbia River estuary mitigation commitments under the 2008 NOAA Fisheries Federal Columbia River Power System Biological Opinion and ongoing commitments under the 2019 NOAA Fisheries CRS BiOp. The 2008 BiOp called for identifying estuary habitat restoration projects and the 2019 CRS BiOp continues the estuary habitat restoration program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION


If you have any questions regarding this land purchase, please contact the project manager, Anne Creason, at 503-230-3859, or amcreason@bpa.gov. You can also call Communications toll-free at 800-622-4519. Please refer to the “Elochoman River Bend” project.

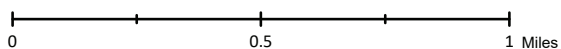




Elochoman-River Bend Public Notification

Wahkiakum County, WA - Cathlamet 24k USGS Quadrangle
(8.8 Acres)

 Proposed Acquisition Area



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